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## Education

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B.S. in Electronic Science and Technology, Southeast University Chengxian College, 2017.

M.S. in Integrated Circuit Engineering, Fuzhou University, 2020.

## Work Experience

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### Research Assistant, Fudan University

2022/02 – 2023/08

Duties included: FPGA-based graph neural networks accelerator design and research article writing.

Supervisor: Professor Kun Wang

### Visiting Researcher, VeriMake Innovation-Lab

2020/06 – 2022/01

Duties included: FPGA-based domain specific accelerator design and research article writing.

Supervisor: Mr. Yanxiang Zhu, Co-supervisor: Associate Professor Ming Ling

## Research Projects

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### FPGA-based Graph Neural Networks Accelerator Design

2022/02 - Present

- An FPGA-based Overlay Processor is proposed for Graph Neural Networks (GNNs), facilitating rapid end-to-end software reconfiguration across diverse GNN model accelerators.
- Optimized designs for sparse matrix multipliers are presented, encompassing symmetric sparse matrix multipliers and high bandwidth general sparse matrix multipliers.
- Publications:
  - [1]. “Graph-OPU: A Highly Integrated FPGA-Based Overlay Processor for Graph Neural Networks”, in **FPL**, 2023.
  - [2]. “Graph-OPU: An FPGA-Based Overlay Processor for Graph Neural Networks”, in **FPGA**, 2023.
  - [3]. “eSSpMV: An Embedded-FPGA-based Hardware Accelerator for Symmetric Sparse Matrix-Vector Multiplication,” in **ISCAS**, 2023.

### Hardware Accelerator for Computer-Aided Drug Design

2020/07 - Present

- A hardware-accelerated approach for AutoDock Vina has been developed, leading to deployments on GPU and FPGA platforms with average speedups of 19.8x and 3.7x, respectively.
- An FPGA-based heterogeneous accelerator has been introduced for predicting GPCR ligand biological activity values. The system operates 54.5x faster than a CPU counterpart and achieves an energy efficiency that is 35.2x superior to GPU implementations.
- Publications:
  - [1]. “FPGA Accelerating Multi-source Transfer Learning with GAT for Bioactivities of Ligands Targeting Orphan G Protein-coupled Receptors”, in **FPL**, 2023.
  - [2]. “Vina-FPGA: A Hardware-Accelerated Molecular Docking Tool With Fixed-Point Quantization and Low-Level Parallelism,” **IEEE Trans. VLSI. Syst.**, 2023.
  - [3]. “Biological Activity Prediction of GPCR-targeting Ligands on Heterogeneous FPGA-based Accelerators,” in **FCCM**, 2022.
  - [4]. “Accelerating AutoDock Vina with GPUs,” **Molecules**, 2022

## Skills

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- Programming: Verilog, VHDL, HLS, Python, C/C++
- Software: Xilinx Vivado, Xilinx Vitis, Intel Quartus, Modelsim

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